ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

"They don't make 'em like they used to" is an old fogey's lament.

Unfortunately, it's true. They don't make cars the way they used to. Maybe the cars have better engines and more gadgets. But the bodies are made of tinny stuff that crinkles if you lean on it.

Even some of the luxury models are deliberately made to begin falling to pieces after so many thousand miles.

No doubt the manufacturers could produce a car with crash-proof rubber fenders, if they wished. But they won't do it.

Electrical companies could make a light bulb that would burn almost forever. But they won't do it. If they sell a man an everlasting light bulb, they can't sell him another one.

Theory Doesn't Work

But we have a competitive system, in theory. Why doesn't some aggressive little electrical company put a long-life bulb on the market? Because the aggressive little companies either get stepped on by the big boys, or they make a bargain with them, and get fat and lazy, too.

They don't grow vegetables the way they used to. Nowadays, many local market gardeners have trouble making a living. Vegetable factories in California, Oregon and Washington, mass-producing cauliflowers and lettuce with artificial fertilizer on sandy soil, can ship their surplus products in at bargain prices.

Their vegetables are big, handsome, tasteless and lacking in nourishment.

The same goes for butter. Small local creameries have closed down. More and more, butter is made in big creameries, of the lowest grade material the company can legally get away with. It is kept in cold storage for months, sometimes for years, until it loses half its flavor.

Goodness Frozen Out

Frozen fish are hauled great distances to big central canneries. Theoretically, they are just as good as the fish that was fresh-canned in small local plants. In fact, they lose much of their goodness.

This is the era of the shoddy, over-priced product in the flashy package. Worst of all, people don't seem to care. They are no longer concerned about quality. Nearly all of the North American economy is dominated by the cult of the mediocre.

Such a system has many evil consequences. It is wasteful. We squander our great resources in making things to throw away.

And it eats into the character like acid. A man who deliberately makes third-rate goods is like a fighter who goes into the ring with the intention of losing.

The result is a lack of integrity, a dishonest cynicism that poisons the heart.

How pleasant it would be, if by some miracle all manufacturers, merchants and workers suddenly decided to do their best.

Is It Our Flag?

British Columbia may have had a provincial flag since 1955, without being aware of it. Georgina Noels, 1791 Keith Place, displays a red ensign with the B.C. coat of arms. Flag was approved by the British Admiralty back in 1955. The catch: No one seems to know who applied for the admiralty approval.—(Colonist photo.)

Summer Summit Conference Allies' Proposal to Russia

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP) — President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain agreed Saturday to offer Russia a summit conference this summer. They ruled out any plan to "disengage" East-West forces in Central Europe.

The two Western leaders reached the decisions during the second day of their talks here.

Eisenhower and Macmillan were reported to have compromised their main differences on the troublesome summit issue.

The formula agreed upon moved Eisenhower a step closer to a summit meeting but fell short of Macmillan's desire for an unconditional offer to meet with Soviet's Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

British diplomats said, however, that in accepting the formula Eisenhower agreed to consider a summit conference even if a prior foreign ministers conference should fail to ease East-West tensions.

U.S. officials disagreed. They said Eisenhower still is insistmade in lower-level diploma ing that some progress be talks before any meeting with Khrushchev. However, they conceded the agreement made a summit conference, either in July or August, almost a certainty.

While opposing disengagement, Macmillan urged Eisenhower to consider seriously an attempt to "freeze" the number of troops and weapons in a European zone to be agreed upon with the U.S.S.R.

The disengagement concept both men rejected was defined as any plan to pull back or sharply reduce the number of Soviet and Western forces now stationed in Central Europe.

The British and U.S. governments both believe, it was said, that such a disengagement would leave a power vacuum which would endanger European peace.

Eisenhower and Macmillan are due to end the Camp David phase of their talks today. They tentatively plan to drive back to Washington together in midafternoon.

A final meeting at the White House probably will be held tomorrow. They have agreed, however, to omit the usual windup communique after their talks end.

The two Western leaders worked out a formula which apparently resolved their differences on the summit issue. Officials said it proposes:

1. A Big Four foreign ministers' meeting starting May 11, probably in Geneva, to begin the task of negotiating with the Soviet Union on the Berlin crisis, Germany and disarmament.

2. A follow-up summit conference of the kind Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev has been demanding, either in July or August. No definite date or site was specified.

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No Troop Pullout Ike, Mac, Agree

Europe Leaders Welcome Washington Agreement

PARIS (UPI)—European leaders warmly welcomed last night an agreement by President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Macmillan for a summit conference this summer.

Diplomatic quarters in Paris privately hailed the Anglo-American accord as a sign of further agreement among the Western powers. Officials in France and Germany indicated that Britain apparently made the larger concession in clearing the ground for the summit conference and gave Macmillan major credit for paving the way with his expedition to Moscow.

West German and Italian government circles also warmly welcomed the Washington news.

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Newfoundland Official Denies 'Unbelievable' Camp Conditions

GRAND FALLS, Nfld. (CP) — The Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company said Friday night working conditions in its logging camps "compare favorably with those throughout eastern Canada."

The company issued a statement denying charges by Alex McAuslane, international representative of the International Woodworkers of America that "unbelievable" conditions in the daily existence of loggers in Newfoundland led to unrest.

Mr. McAuslane made his statement before the labor council in Kingston, Ont., Wednesday. He said the conditions existed in Anglo-Newfoundland camps when he helped organize the IWA in Newfoundland two years ago.

The IWA's two Newfoundland locals were recently decertified by the provincial legislature.

Mr. McAuslane said 100 men slept in one bunkhouse in cramped conditions, four of them in a space six feet wide and six feet high. He told of the loggers hanging up wet clothes in the night and putting them on again, still damp, in the morning.

"Outside each bunkhouse there was one barrel of water in which the men washed their clothes. When this was completed, the water was used for drinking purposes."

Attorney-General Curtis said Friday night in St. John's: "I just don't believe it." He declined further comment.

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Control Urged

GETTYSBURG, Pa. (AP)—British Prime Minister Macmillan proposed to President Eisenhower Saturday that the Western powers consider trying to negotiate with Russia on an armed forces control and inspection zone in Europe.

This was disclosed by spokesmen for the Eisenhower-Macmillan conferences. They also said both Britain and the United States are against "disengagement" between Soviet and Western forces in Europe because that would create a power vacuum.

Further, the spokesmen said, the two leaders rejected any thinning out of forces because of the problem of maintaining the East-West power balance undisturbed.

Sterling Market Ripe for Canada

The sterling market is the market for Canada, leading government and businessmen were told yesterday in Victoria.

This advice was given by three visiting Scottish industrialists, Lord Polwarth, chairman, executive committee, Scottish council, development and industry; Sir Robert Maclean, vice-president of the council and chairman of Scottish Industrial Estates Ltd. and W. S. Robertson, secretary, Scottish council.

"The United Kingdom doesn't want to compete with Canadian industries," said Lord Polwarth, ". . . it simply wants a larger slice of Canadian imports."

Britain has relaxed controls so as to make greater purchases of Canadian salmon and newsprint as well as other items, he said.

The industrialists also hope to promote greater trade between Scotland and Canada.

Reds Use Cannon

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Buddhists to be the reincarnation of his predecessor and therefore the "living Buddha."

His rival, the 21-year-old Panchen Lama (temporal leader), always has been looked on as a communist puppet in Tibet. As a result, the Dalai Lama claims both spiritual and temporal powers.

Fighting erupted in the streets as it did in 1958 in Budapest. Reports said the battle raged around the spacious enclosure of the Indian diplomatic mission and spread behind the Turquoise bridge, the main gateway to Lhasa.

The Indian government said the Indian consul-general was safe.

Semi-official sources in New Delhi said the Communists were bringing artillery into action and were flying in automatic weapons.

Khamba tribesmen have been known to be buying American-made rifles for as much as $200 apiece whenever they could lay hands on them.

Border reports reaching New Delhi said the resistance forces were under the command of Antuk Gounpo-Tashi, a commander from Litang in the rugged eastern part of Tibet.

Another force of 25,000 Buddhists was reported being led in a separate anti-communist offensive by General Pangatsang, a 50-year-old bull of a man.

Backbone of the attack is the Khamba Tribe from Kham province. They have been fighting under a "master plan" to smash the grip the Reds took over Tibet in 1950 and consolidated in 1951.

The first part of their plan, as a Khamba chief told a UPI correspondent on the border in January, was to stir up all Tibet. Part two was to intensify the hit-run guerrilla campaign in the mountain passes.

The Khambas claimed 50 Chinese convoys destroyed last year. The ambush operation as described was classic. Boulders were rolled down on winding roads to smash the trucks. Then the rebels attacked.

A Khamba spokesman boasted the Chinese were no match for the fierce tribesmen in hand to hand fighting.

In recent months, the fighting has intensified. Some 65,000 people have been reported killed — 50,000 Chinese and 15,000 Tibetans.

The fighting in Lhasa was expected to swell the toll.

The Khamba tribesmen were reported determined to make this a do-or-die offensive. They had been marching toward the sacred capital for the last several days, according to Indian dispatches. The timing of the uprising in the city appeared perfect for their purposes.

The Reds had been reported bringing in reinforcements.

The Reds have used warplanes in the past against the Khambas holed up in mountain caves.

The country itself is hard and wild, some 1,300,000 people, most of them loyal believers in the sacredness of the Dalai Lama, his "assistant" is the Panchen Lama, whose power is only temporal. He is reported to have been handpicked by the Communists.

Tibet is bounded to the north by four Chinese provinces, and is shut off to the Western world by the high Himalayas.

Smallwood Returns Diefenbaker Blast

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Premier Smallwood said in the legislature Friday Prime Minister Diefenbaker "has been good enough to tell Canada from the House of Commons that the premier of Newfoundland had aggravated the violence in the Newfoundland woods dispute."

Mr. Diefenbaker's statement last Monday was "something like . . . saying that the British premier had aggravated Hitler's violence."

Mr. Smallwood said there were "48 days of lawlessness and violence" before he intervened in the strike of International Woodworkers of America (CLC) against the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Co.

". . . What was this House to be condemned for if it was not for passing this legislation? (Decertifying the two Newfoundland locals)" Mr. Smallwood said.

"Yet the legislation has not been disallowed. It has not been referred to the Supreme Court."

Ship Calendar

Petty Officer's Idea Adopted by Navy

The RCN will modify sonar submarine detection equipment on its operational ships on the suggestion of 34-year-old Petty Officer Brian Hunt, 150 Egerton, Belmont Park.

PO Hunt suggested a modification to the gyro scale which will increase efficiency of sonar operators aboard the navy's sub-killers.

He received a cash award from the suggestion award board of the public service of Canada and a letter of commendation from naval headquarters.

PO Hunt saw naval service during the Second World War. He was discharged in 1945 and re-entered the navy in 1953. He has since served ashore on the east and west coasts, and at sea in HMCS Ontario, destroyer-escorts Athabaskan and Skeena and frigates New Glasgow and Ste. Therese.

Lumber shipments from Ogden Point docks are mounting up this weekend. On Monday morning, there will be at least four big freighters loading there.

The Cape Horn and Imme Oldendorff began loading lumber for the U.K. yesterday. They will be joined today by the King Alexander, due to take on a cargo of lumber for Eastern Canada, and the Margareta, loading lumber for Puerto Rico.

The ore carrier Nikkie Maru is due to arrive today at Hatch Point to load 1,550 tons of copper concentrates for smelters in Japan.

Other merchant shipping in Island ports today includes the Kongsholm, Chemainus; Shinsei Maru, Tahsis; Fernpoint, Cowichan Bay; Lakemba, Haldor Virik and Andros Citadel, Alberni.

Weather Forecast

March 22, 1959

A few clouds in the morning, becoming cloudy in the afternoon with rain in the evening. Little change in temperature. Winds westerly 25 decreasing to light by noon. Saturday precipitation .10 inch. Sunshine, 6 hours, 36 minutes. Monday outlook: scattered showers.

Recorded Temperatures

High 50 Low 42

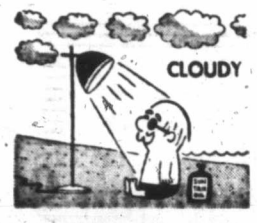
Forecast Temperatures

High 48 Low 38

Sunrise 6.17 Sunset 6.27

East Coast of Vancouver Island— A few clouds in the morning, becoming cloudy in the afternoon with rain in the evening. Little change in temperature. Winds light. High and low at Nanaimo, 50 and 32. Monday outlook: scattered showers.

West Coast of Vancouver Island — Variable cloudiness with a few showers. Little change in temperature. Light winds. High and low at Estevan, 45 and 37. Monday outlook: little change.



TEMPERATURES

	Low	High	Precip.
St. John's	13	25	.03
Halifax	28	41	--
Ottawa	25	36	.25
North Bay	6	31	.10
Port Arthur	-1	17	--
Kenora	-11	15	--
Winnipeg	-13	14	--
Brandon	-3	31	--
Regina	21	30	--
Saskatoon	19	50	--
North Battleford	21	47	--
Swift Current	28	58	--
Medicine Hat	36	62	--
Lethbridge	33	59	--
Calgary	29	57	--
Edmonton	31	53	--
Kimberley	28	43	Trace
Crescent Valley	32	40	.14
Kaslo	35	40	.09
Kamloops	40	60	--
Penticton	43	56	--
Vancouver	41	53	1.03
Prince Rupert	31	40	.72
Prince George	34	46	.05
Whitehorse	-15	16	.19
Seattle	44	51	.71
Portland	47	57	.28
San Francisco	50	64	Trace
Los Angeles	56	75	--
Spokane	40	47	.02
Chicago	26	33	--
New York	49	66	.07

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
22	01.44	7.5	07.16	6.0	12.28	7.7	19.27	3.2
23	02.00	7.8	07.56	5.2	13.26	7.8	20.06	3.4
24	02.26	8.1	08.38	4.3	14.28	7.7	20.46	3.8
25	02.57	8.3	09.29	3.5	15.21	7.6	21.25	4.4
26	03.30	8.6	10.10	2.8	16.23	7.4	22.07	5.0
27	04.05	8.7	10.59	2.3	17.32	7.2	22.49	5.7
28	04.43	8.7	11.51	2.1	19.46	7.1	23.36	6.4
29	05.20	8.6	12.46	2.0	21.48	7.3	--	--
30	00.26	6.9	06.00	8.4	13.45	2.1	23.00	7.5
31	01.30	7.4	06.44	8.1	14.48	2.2	--	--
April								
1	00.11	7.7	03.13	7.3	07.52	7.7	15.54	2.7
2	01.11	7.[illegible]	05.02	7.1	09.35	7.3	16.58	3.1

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.	Time H.M.	Ht. Ft.
22	05.40	10.7	09.23	7.1	14.41	9.7	21.08	4.1
23	06.07	11.4	09.59	6.2	15.45	10.0	21.53	4.4
24	04.35	11.1	10.38	5.3	16.46	10.2	22.36	5.0
25	05.03	11.2	11.18	4.3	17.47	10.4	23.21	5.7
26	05.34	11.2	12.01	3.6	18.48	10.5	--	--
27	00.08	6.5	06.05	11.1	12.46	3.0	19.54	10.6
28	00.50	7.4	06.40	11.0	13.36	2.7	21.08	10.6
29	01.57	8.1	07.16	10.7	14.28	2.6	22.17	10.6
30	03.06	8.7	07.57	10.2	15.25	2.5	23.35	10.6
31	04.39	8.8	08.50	9.8	16.28	2.5	--	--
April								
1	00.47	10.[illegible]	06.19	8.6	09.58	9.2	17.34	3.5
2	01.45	10.7	07.35	8.1	11.32	8.9	18.40	3.9

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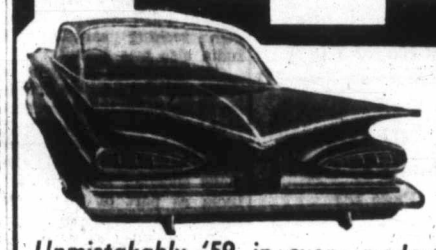

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